Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 08 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 06 Apr 2021 at 14:12 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for continuing cold conditions across the hills with further snow for most areas, but also some brighter interludes in between. Lower confidence for the details through the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 07 Apr 2021: A bright day with a few passing snow showers. Bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	30%	40%	30%	10%	<05%	50%

Forecast for Wednesday 07 Apr 2021

Weather: Northwesterly winds will bring a few light snow showers through much of the morning with some clear/bright spells in between, the majority of these showers most likely affecting Monadhliath. Showers fading through the day with some longer sunny breaks leading to glare off lying snow. A band of snow will spread east across western ranges towards midnight, this falling as rain at lowest levels.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% becoming 80% by afternoon.

Visibility: Some areas of cloud above 600m though morning, mainly associated with passing showers. Cloud will lift and become more occasional above around 800m with plenty of breaks between.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	39/50 NW	38/49 NW	34/44 NW	26/34 NW	22/29 NW	18/24 NW	15/21 W	15/20 SW	22/31 SW
900	27/35 NW	27/35 NW	23/31 NW	20/27 NW	16/23 NW	14/20 NW	12/16 W	14/18 SW	21/29 SW
600	15/22 NW	16/23 NW	14/21 NW	15/23 NW	13/19 NW	11/17 NW	8/13 W	9/14 SW	13/22 SW
300	6/17 NW	7/18 NW	6/15 NW	10/21 NW	10/19 NW	8/16 W	5/10 W	4/11 SW	6/16 SW
Glen	6/23 NW	6/22 NW	5/19 NW	6/20 NW	7/17 NW	6/16 NW	4/10 W	4/13 SW	6/20 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-11/-24	-11/-24	-11/-23	-10/-21	-9/-18	-8/-16	-8/-16	-8/-16	-7/-16
900	-8/-18	-8/-18	-8/-17	-6/-15	-5/-13	-4/-11	-4/-10	-5/-11	-4/-11
600	-5/-13	-5/-13	-5/-12	-4/-10	-2/-8	-2/-7	-2/-6	-3/-7	-1/-7
300	-3/-7	-3/-7	-3/-6	-0/-5	1/-4	2/-2	1/-2	-1/-4	-1/-4
Glen	-2/-7	-2/-7	-2/-6	-0/-5	1/-2	2/-1	3/1	1/-2	1/-4
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	100m	100m	100m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Bitterly cold as Arctic air remains, but less windy than previous days. Conditions deteriorating from the west after dark.

Forecast for Thursday 08 Apr 2021

Weather: A cold and windy day with rain or snow never far away and often on the heavy side, especially through late afternoon and evening. The snow level will be higher than previous days, with snow confined to above around 700m but blizzard conditions are likely on higher ground. Very cold air returns through evening with blizzard conditions extending towards Glen level.

Maximum wind: West 30-40 gusting 50-60mph. Winds may reach 80-90mph across the Cairngorm Plateau.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%.

Visibility: Cloud will be quite persistent above around 600-800m across all areas with breaks confined to more sheltered eastern slopes of the Cairngorms. Visibility will be generally very poor above this especially with frequent blizzard conditions. Rain will turn lower slopes hazy, especially later in the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** 6-8 Celsius, but 2 or 3C early and late.
At 800m: Minus 1 or 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 800-1000m, falling 200-400m later evening.

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